GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4746
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JUVENILE JUSTICE ACT
S. SAIDUZZAMAN

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Juvenile Welfare Board and ordered an enquiry into the custodial death of a 11 year old boy some two years back as reported in Times of India dated November 16,2000;

(b) if so facts thereof and the preventive measures taken and action initiated against erring officials;

(c) whether the Government propose to enact laws to keep hardboiled regular police away from juvenile cases;

(d) if so, details thereof and the time by which such laws are likely to be enacted; and

(e) Whether the Government plan to encourage NGO`s such as Action India Trust,CRY,NAFRE amongst others in handling such cases?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) & (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

(c) & (d) The Central Government has already enacted a new Act called the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 which has replaced the Juvenile Justice Act, 1986. The provisions of this new Act have come into effect from 1st April, 2001. The new Act inter-alia provides for atleast one officer in every police station as `juvenile or child welfare officer` to handle the juvenile or child in coordination with the police and setting up of Special juvenile police units.

(e) The new Act provides for involvement of NGOs for better implementation of the Juvenile Justice System in the country.